

GREENBELT News Review

An Independent Newspaper

VOL. 74, No. 22

15 Crescent Rd., Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1887

APRIL 21, 2011

City Council's Fourth Budget Worksession Is a Hodgepodge

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council's fourth worksession on the proposed city budget for Fiscal Year 2012 covered "Miscellaneous & Other Funds and Capital Projects." Usually this budget includes everything in the back of the budget document not included in accounts for the city's larger departments.

Miscellaneous accounts include Grants & Contributions, the Greenbelt Museum, Non-Departmental Funds and Fund Transfers to the city's Reserve and Replacement Funds.

The worksession, on Wednesday, April 13, also reviewed the Fire and Rescue Service Account because representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. (GVFD&RS) had not been able to be present when the Public Safety budget was earlier reviewed. All members of council, the city manager, assistant city manager and city treasurer were present.

Representing the GVFD&RS were President Kenneth Stair

and Kelly Lawson, communication officer for the GVFD&RS. Lawson walked council through a presentation with visual highlights of the past year's activities, including their outreach efforts in the community, training, calls for service. Included were several pictures of residential fires in Greenbelt on Ridge and Greenhill Roads and on Parkway.

Stair also reviewed a letter of April 1 to the assistant city manager highlighting the GVFD&RS financial accounting for 2010.

Stair described the past year as a "rather expensive one," including major renovation of the fire house kitchen facilities. Insurance costs and station maintenance had also increased.

Revenue Sources

Sources of revenue included sponsored bingo at the Riverdale Park Elks Lodge (\$40,000); the Annual Fund Drive, about \$35,000; other fund raisers and hall rentals totaling \$10,000; and a contribution from the Prince George's County Station Management Fund, which now amounts

to \$20,000.

The important kitchen renovation had been started several years ago and has been supported by state 508 grants. As the project has evolved, the total cost estimated is just over \$245,000. Once completed, Stair says, the department expects it will become a potential source of income in handling more social functions.

Another source of income is the department's share of revenue from the billing of users' insurance companies for provided ambulance service. At the end of 2010 the department's account totaled \$109,000.

The caveat is that those funds are allowed only for expenses related to Emergency Medical Service (EMS) expenses. Stair said they are requesting that the county executive expand allowable uses to include the replacement of EMS vehicles and station maintenance.

Of most importance to the department was the city's continuing

See **BUDGET**, page 6

Brian Weeks, Math Teacher, Wins Agnes Meyer Award

by Matthieu Drotar

A sixth grade mathematics teacher from Greenbelt Elementary School was awarded the annual Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award earlier this month.

Brian Weeks, 47, of Laurel was named this year's Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award recipient for Prince George's County.

Weeks is among 21 winners of the award, which is presented to one teacher from each Washington metropolitan area school district.

Nominated by colleagues, parents, former students and other



PHOTO BY MATTHIEU DROTAR

Brian Weeks

members of their community, winners were chosen by their own school systems based on criteria including leadership and ability to inspire and encourage students.

In his nomination letters, co-workers, students and family members alike expressed a strong

and sincere belief that Weeks deserved this recognition as an outstanding teacher.

"It is very hard to ever forget a teacher of Mr. Weeks' caliber," wrote 11th-grader Erin M. Weeks, daughter and former student of

See **WEEKS**, page 6

Pilot-Turned-Homeschool-Mentor Murray Teaches Wilderness Skills

by Cindy Henneberger

At the end of April, Joey Murray will leave his native belt of green for more arid fare, the Kalahari Desert, where he will track leopards, lions and gemsbok with the Bushmen. But for now, he is teaching homeschool children wilderness skills, using the Greenbelt woods and fields for his classroom.

Hiking with Joey down forest trails, his young disciples, ranging from eight- to 16-years old, seemed to pick up his passion for green. "I love it," said 10-year old Isabel, brimming with enthusiasm for Ancestral Knowledge's "Homeschool Naturalist Program."

She praised her mentor's humor and kindness but beamed most when talking about his faith in her and her classmates. "He trusts us enough to go into the bamboo," she said, referencing an area in the forest preserve where bamboo grows thick.

Not only did he let them go into it, alongside assistant instructor Joshua Levine, who showed them how to make canteens out of bamboo, Joey trusted them with some pretty hefty-looking knives to accomplish the task. Interestingly, they did not use their freedom as an opportunity to go forest Jedi on each other. They simply constructed canteens

sans cuts or jesting.

Perhaps their mentor's trust is some pretty powerful stuff.

Nature's Lesson Plans

The homeschoolers' 37-year old teacher, with sun gilded hair, often had a strand or two breaking out into freedom from his ponytail as he led his flock through their outdoor adventures where nature scheduled the lessons.

On the lookout for opportunities, Joey used downed trees, animal tracks and the cornucopia of each new day for platforms to teach sensory awareness, knowledge about ecosystems, survival skills and tracking and wild food gathering, among other woodland essentials.

Bill Kaczor, CEO of Ancestral Knowledge, said he gets numerous calls from parents who say, "I want to see the schedule." Although Ancestral Knowledge has a list of core items it aims to incorporate into lessons, it prefers to follow nature's timetable. Instructors look for ways to teach principles through a



PHOTO BY JOSHUA LEVINE

Joey Murray, top left, is pictured with his students Kadia, Aaku, Christopher, Emerson, Giris, Zury, Isabel and Nico hidden in the middle too small to be seen.

"random sequence of events that happen in traveling with no time or destination through the forest," Kaczor said.

"What bird was that?" Joey asked. "Did it sound like a

See **MURRAY**, page 8

Six ACE Educators Win Plaudits for Their Work

by Jim Link

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) celebrated the achievements of six educators at the 2011 ACE Educators Awards Ceremony at the city council meeting on Monday, April 11. The city council, local dignitaries and ACE members presented the recipients from six Greenbelt schools with certificates, T-shirts and most vividly, with a gold-red apple, "the apple being, of course, the well-recognized symbol of education," according to Jon Gardner, the ACE chair. "It's a special evening" declared Mayor Judith Davis, "You can tell because we have a full house."

Each recipient had a few inspiring/touching/grateful words to say to their admiring family and friends.

"My job," said Elizabeth Stewart-Hancock, a fourth grade

teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES), "is the best job I could ask for. I love the [GES] community." Earlier in the evening the GES PTA treated Stewart-Hancock to dinner at the Beijing Restaurant in Roosevelt Center.

Ramon Russell, a special educator and paraprofessional at Springhill Lake Elementary School, who organized many beautification projects on the campus, said, "I grew up in Greenbelt; it warms my heart to receive this award. I'd like to thank my Springhill Lake family and my mom and dad. Thank you for raising me - I think you did a pretty good job."

Robert Crowley, a first grade teacher, technology coordinator and webmaster at Magnolia

See **ACE AWARDS**, page 12

What Goes On

Saturday, April 23

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Municipal Building Parking Lot

10 a.m. sharp, Egg Hunt for ages 18 months to 6th grade, Buddy Attick Park

Tuesday, April 26

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education Meeting, Municipal Bldg.

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES), Community Center

8 p.m., Regular Council Meeting/Public Hearing on FY2012 Budget, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltdmd.gov

Thursday, April 28

8 a.m., Worksession, First Quarterly Meeting/Bus Service Changes, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Saturday, April 30

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

9 a.m. to noon, Shred It Day, Roosevelt Center Parking Lot

Letters

Meter Misread

Last month I received a . . . disturbing bill from Pepco The monthly payment was for \$204.26, reflecting my apparent use of 1,500 kilowatt hours (KWHs) The two preceding bills for colder months were about half that. I'm a very conservative user of electricity and I'd never before even exceeded 1,000 KWHs

Pepco sent a specialist to my home to investigate my problem He came to the tentative conclusion that I had somehow unwittingly used [baseboard] heaters much more than I thought His own current readings of the meter reflected numbers in the 00—range . . . consistent with the bill's final 9997 KWH reading . . . I had difficulty buying into his explanation, but . . . paid the . . . bill.

I called the Maryland Public Service Commission and they [sent] me information and complaint forms. . . . I went to the GHI office to . . . seek advice A GHI electrician named Desmond came to my home, . . . immediately made a beeline to my meter . . . and unequivocally asserted that my current meter reading was 9926

How could I reconcile these conflicting readings? . . . The material from the State Commission . . . included a page from the BGE utility on "How to Read your Meter." I . . . went to my meter and read it according to BGE's dictates. Sure enough, I read 9926. Desmond was right and the two Pepco representatives were wrong. . . .

I called the Pepco specialist, told him of my findings and he readily agreed that my explanation was probably correct I didn't have to pay anything this month and still have a remaining credit of \$72.08 All's well that ends well.

Philip Brandis

Editor's Note: An error in a meter reading will eventually be automatically corrected by future readings. To learn how to read an older meter with dials, as Mr. Brandis has, go to <http://www.pepco.com/home/billing/understand/meter/default.aspx>.

Greenbelters Sweep Doubleheader Opener

The Greenbelters of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League beat Bowie Bronze in a doubleheader on Monday, April 18, 9-5 and 14-7, to start their season as last year – when they went on to take the division championship. In the first game, at Bowie, pitcher Barry Clark led the way with four hits in four at-bats. Jasper Pendergrass' two-run homer in the 1st inning opened the scoring; Willie White's tape-measure two-run smash in the 6th inning cleared the left-field fence by 15-20 feet and sealed the win.

In the second game, Robert Colbert doubled with the bases loaded in the 6th inning and scored on a single by Melvin Royster for an 8-2 lead Greenbelt never relinquished. Barry Clark and Clarence Collins each tripled in multi-hit efforts. Pitcher Clyde Moody fielded his position deftly and Willie White made a spectacular catch behind the plate after hitting into the metal backstop. Long-time veterans Lefty Smith, Bert Kerr and John Benish weighed in with hits. George Harrison, in his debut as manager, moved team-mates around actively and showed his speed as a pinch-runner several times.

ASG Meeting Is At Owens Center

The next meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will be held on Thursday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the planetarium at the H.B. Owens Science Center in Lanham.

A free planetarium program will be presented by NASA employee and Owens Science Center volunteer Craig Levin on "Herschel and Uranus: Beyond the Boundaries."

Owens Science Center is at 9601 Greenbelt Road.

Eleanor Science Café Honors 35 Years

On Tuesday, April 26 the Eleanor Science Café will have a special program to commemorate the 35th anniversary of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

From 3:30 to 5 p.m. there will be a lecture for students on music, music theory and the physics of music by Dr. Keith Wright and Nils Straatveit. Wright is head of the music department at the College of Southern Maryland and an accomplished flutist; Straatveit is an engineer, diver and digital signal specialist. A social with free refreshments and live music will run from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The Science Café lecture and social will be in the Cafeteria Conference Room.

At 6:30 p.m. a movie, Race to Nowhere, about stress and students, will be shown in the auditorium. This movie is produced by Vicky Abeles, spouse of one of the original 1978 graduating class members. A discussion including parents, students and the movie team will follow from 8 to 9 p.m. More information about the movie is available at www.racetonowhere.com.

There is a fee for the movie, reduced for students.

For more information call 301-552-5405.

New Starting Time For TheBus #11

TheBus Route 11 now begins service at 5:18 a.m., departing from the Greenbelt Metrorail Station. Previously the first trip left the Metro at 6 a.m.

Corrections

In the front page article last week on Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) hiring a new manager and on rehab issues facing the board GHI has pointed out two inaccuracies: A quote by Irv Wartell on in-house expertise for the manager replacement was incorrectly attributed to Tokey Boswell. Also, the bullet under Pilot Funding near the end of the article on loaning portable air conditioners to members in the pilot study who must remove existing air conditioners has not been approved – it is still under discussion by the board, buildings committee and pilot home members.

Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series

presents a free outdoor concert featuring Robert Goddard Middle School!

Robert Goddard Jazz Band

Robert Goddard Electric Strings

Sat., April 30, 4 - 6 pm

Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt

Sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA)
Supported by the Prince George's Arts Council

Grin Belt



"Quick son, pose beside the Easter Bunny so I can send a photo to Grandma."

On Screen

Going to the Mat

Wrestling – as in the sport, plus grappling with life – is at the heart of "Win Win," the new film that opens Friday at Old Greenbelt Theatre. The versatile Paul Giamatti, who has played roles from a shlump to founding father John Adams, comes on as a down-on-his-luck lawyer, pater familias and co-coach of a New Jersey high school wrestling team. When a client's teenage grandson drops into his life, things begin to happen in a hurry. Along for the ride is the lawyer's wife, played by Amy Ryan, their two young children and battered-down buddies.

Rated R for profanity. Running time 106 minutes.

– Eli Flam

Greenbelt News Review

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770-1887
301-474-4131 • FAX 301-474-5880
email: newsreview@greenbelt.com
website: www.greenbeltnewsreview.com

Alfred M. Skolnik, President, 1959-1977
Elaine Skolnik, President, 1977-1985
President Emeritus, 1985-

Editor: Mary Lou Williamson 301-441-2662
Assistant Editor: Barbara Likowski 301-474-8483
News Editor: Elaine Skolnik 301-598-1805
Assistant to the Editor: Eileen Farnham 301-513-0482

STAFF

Jackie Bealle, Virginia Beauchamp, Judy Bell, Rebecca Boggs, Judi Bordeaux, Jessi Britton, Sharon Carroll, Ashley Cherok, Mary Willis Clarke, Paula Clinedinst, Agnes Conaty, Bill Cornett, Cynthia Cummings, Peter Curtis, Patricia Davis, Shane Doyle, Elizabeth Eny, Joan Falcão, Eli Flam, Janet Franklyn, Kathleen Gallagher, Anne Gardner, Jon Gardner, Denise George, Bernina McGee Giese, James Giese, Marjorie Gray, Melanie Lynn Griffin, Carol Griffith, Pat Hand, Stacy Hardy, Solange Hess, Rebecca Holober, Barbara Hopkins, Larry Hull, Elizabeth Jay, Ginny Jones, Sharon Kenworthy, Suzanne Krofchik, Vicki Kriz, Meta Lagerwerff, Sandra Lange, Jim Link, Catherine Madigan, Lou Ann McCann, Kathleen McFarland, Emma Mendoza, Mary Moien, Marat Moore, Diane Oberg, Linda Paul, Leonie Penney, Heba Pennington, Shirl Phelps, Altoria Bell Ross, Ann-Marie Saucier, Angela Stark, Susan Stern, Helen Sydavar, Linda Tokarz, Nancy Tolzman, Joanne Tucker, Jean Turkiewicz, Thomas X. White, Marie Wong, Renauta York and Dea Zugby.

CIRCULATION Core of Greenbelt: Ian Tuckman 301-459-5624

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eileen Farnham, president; Thomas X. White, vice president; Judy Bell, treasurer; Altoria Bell Ross, secretary; James Giese; Diane Oberg; and Mary Willis Clarke

DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF APR 22

Win Win

(R)

Friday - Saturday

*2:45, *5, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday - Monday

*2:45, *5, 7:30

Tuesday - Thursday

*5, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.50

Tuesday is Bargain Day.
All Seats Only \$6.50.

Now accepting Visa, Discover and MasterCard for ticket sales only.
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pandgtheatres.com

Community Events

Co-op Food Demo, Wine Tasting Wed.

On Wednesday, April 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. the Co-op will hold its monthly food demo and wine tasting. Ellen Seigel and Kim Rush Lynch will prepare and offer samples of steamed artichokes with garlic aioli, while wine consultant John Mealey will organize a tasting of rosé wines.

Wednesday is also patron appreciation day, with five percent savings on purchases all day.

At the Library Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian will read age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, April 27, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

Thursday, April 28, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 18 to 36 months; limit 15 children.

Pick up a free ticket for the Storytime events at the Information Desk.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the website at www.pgcmlls.info.

Teen Designers

The library system is calling all teens to enter their contest to design a cover for the library's Current News and Events magazine, which will be used as the cover for the Fall 2011 issue. Those eligible are teens ages 13 to 17, with parental approval. There is a limit of one entry per person.

Submissions must be original artwork no larger than 8-1/2" by 8-1/4" in high resolution (300dpi and up) JPEG or PDF format. All submissions must be emailed to publicrelations@pgcmlls.info by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 16. The email should include the teen's full name, age, school, telephone number, address, parent's approval to participate and their artwork as an attachment. Judges will select first and second place winners and may disqualify artwork that is inappropriate or not original.

ACE Science Clubs Meet Next Week

The next Greenbelt Children's ACE Science Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Center. Another meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Free to all Greenbelt children ages 8 to 14, the ACE Science Club features hands-on experiments and fun facts about science, technology, engineering, math, nature, life and the universe. This month's topic is Newton's Laws with a focus on Newton's three laws related to the concepts of flight, planes and rockets.

The club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Greenbriar and the fourth Thursday at the Greenbelt Community Center. For more information call Wendy Wexler at Greenbelt CARES, 301-345-6660.

City Egg Hunt Is Saturday at 10 a.m.

The Greenbelt Annual Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 23 at 10 a.m. sharp at Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road for children through 6th grade. Bring a basket and help the Bunny find all the hidden eggs and prizes. The event includes the Easter Bunny and entertainment. Be prompt, as the eggs go fast.

For more information call 301-397-2200.

Tyler Perry Film Fest April 15-24

Academy Stadium at Beltway Plaza will host a Tyler Perry Film Festival from Friday, April 15 through Sunday, April 24.

Showtimes for individual films are available online at 222.academy8theaters.com, by calling 301-220-1155 or checking the movie theater ad at right.

More Community Events
see pages 2, 4, 5, 8, 15 and 16

Electronics Recycling Day Is on April 30

City residents, businesses and organizations can recycle old or unwanted computers and other electronic items on Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road. A listing of accepted items can be found in the City Information ad on page 5. Styrofoam #6 is also now accepted. Call Greenbelt Public Works at 301-474-8004 for details.

Next City Blood Drive Is April 29

The next blood drive in Greenbelt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross, will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center on Friday, April 29 from 12:30 to 6 p.m.

Those who have not already made an appointment are asked to call 1-800-GIVELIFE (448-3543).

Café Cajun Jam On Wednesday

On Wednesday, April 27 there will be a free Cajun Jam at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for dancers, musicians and listeners. Beginners are welcome.

For more information visit the website at <http://www.newdeal-cafe.com/>.

Greenbriar Phase III Meets, Elects Board

Greenbriar Phase III had its reconvened annual meeting on April 12 and elected the following officers for the coming year:

President Thelma Loret de Mola, Vice President Angeline Butler, Secretary Anne Weldon, Treasurer Odella King and Director Frances Kemper.

Board meetings are held at the community building monthly for each Greenbriar association. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend. Greenbriar Phase I & II meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Greenbriar Phase III meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. and Greenbriar Community Association Board meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

SPAGHETTI DINNER
All You Can Eat
April 30
Mowatt Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road
5 – 7 p.m.
Pies for Sale

Holy Cross Thrift Store
Every Thursday 10am – 4pm
Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.
6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

Academy Stadium Theatres
Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155
ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00
ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00
ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50
R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of APRIL 22
FRI. – SAT.
Hop, PG
11:15, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 8, 10:20
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: "Rodrick Rules", PG
11:45, 2:10, 4:35
Insidious, PG-13
7:20, 10
Rio in 3D, PG-13 (!)
No fees at our location
11:15, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 8, 10:20
Madea's Big Happy Family, PG (!)
11:20, 12:10, 2, 2:45, 4:45, 5:30, 7:20, 8, 10, 10:40
Scream 4, R (!)
11:30, 2:20, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25
Water for Elephants, PG-13
11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25
Hanna, R
11:30, 2:20, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25
SUN.
Hop, PG
11:15, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 8
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: "Rodrick Rules", PG
11:45, 2:10, 4:35
Insidious, PG-13
7:20
Rio in 3D, PG-13 (!)
No fees at our location
11:15, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 8
Madea's Big Happy Family, PG (!)
11:20, 12:10, 2, 2:45, 4:45, 5:30, 7:20, 8
Scream 4, R (!)
11:30, 2:20, 5:15, 7:50
Water for Elephants, PG-13
11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 7:50
Hanna, R
11:30, 2:20, 5:15, 7:50
MON. – THU.
Hop, PG
12:25, 2:50, 5:25, 7:30
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: "Rodrick Rules", PG
12:25, 2:40
Insidious, PG-13
5:15, 7:40
Rio in 3D, PG-13
No fees at our location
12:25, 2:50, 5:25, 7:30
Madea's Big Happy Family, PG (!)
12:10, 12:45, 2:35, 3:10, 5:10, 5:45, 7:40, 8:15
Scream 4, R
12:30, 3, 5:40, 8:10
Water for Elephants, PG-13
12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8:05
Hanna, R
12:30, 3, 5:40, 8:10

On April 23, 2011 please come join the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary at their Bake Sale from 9am to 1pm
Located at the Greenbelt Co-op
121 Centerway
Greenbelt, MD 20770

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS
PRELIMINARY AGENDA
GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Thursday, April 28th, 2011
GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM
GDC Key Agenda Items:
• First Quarter Financial Reports
• Guest House Use by Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Celebration
GHI Key Agenda Items:
• Planet Aid Recycling Bins – Request for Bin Space
• Recommendation for Rules Change for Smoke Detectors in GHI Homes
• 2011 Concrete Sidewalk Contract, 2nd Reading
• Approval of BB&T as GHI Lender
Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

Greenbelt Homes, Inc.
Spring Gutter Cleaning (All Buildings)
Attention GHI Members
Greenbelt Builders Inc. is scheduled to clean and inspect your gutters starting May 16, 2011 weather permitting.
At that time, workers may appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve privacy.
Please contact Peter Joseph at 301-474-4161 ext.141 if you have any questions or comments.

OPENING APRIL 29 AT THE GREENBELT ARTS CENTER!
The BURIAL at Thebes
April 29 - May 21
Friday & Saturday at 8:00
Sunday, May 8 and 15 at 2:30
Sign-interpreted performance for the hearing impaired May 7th.
\$15 General/\$12 Students/Seniors
For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770
email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org
or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org
Coming Soon:
And Then There Were None – May 26 - 29
Vandergrift! - June 3-12
123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770 • Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

John Stringfellow

Former Greenbelter John Stringfellow, son of Frank and Therese Madden Stringfellow, died on April 18, 2011.

Friends may visit the family at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Thursday, April 21 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 22 at 9 a.m. at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church.



Condolences to Frank and Therese Madden Stringfellow on the tragic death of their son John, 38, on April 18, 2011. He was a former Maryland state trooper and the grandson of Greenbelt pioneers Anthony and Catherine Madden.

Congratulations to:

- All the ACE Awardees, Elizabeth Stewart-Hancock (GES), Ramon Russell (SHL), Pamela Coffield (Turning Point), Alemnesh Allen (GMS), Robert Crowley (Magnolia) and Francine Powell (ERHS) who serve Greenbelt’s school and students with such distinction.
- And special congratulations for ACE Award recipient Ramon Russell, who appears to be the first person in the 16 years of ACE Educator Awards to have attended Greenbelt schools through high school, returned after college to teach in his home town and then receive the award.
- Amy Hansen, whose book “Bugs and Bugsicles: Insects in the Winter,” is on the John Burroughs 2011 list of outstanding nature books for young readers. The John Burroughs Association and the American Museum of Natural History presented the 2011 list of six books at a luncheon on April 4 in New York City.
- ERHS senior Peace Gwam, who received first place in American History and second in Speech/Oratorical in the April 9 Scholastic Olympics at Watkins Regional Park.
- Jacob Tuthill, Stephen Cox, Danny Parisi and Andrew Eck of the “Voices of DeMatha” men’s chorus, who recently won a gold medal at the Heritage Music Festival in Atlanta. DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville has one of the top music programs in the country. Voices of DeMatha has been invited to sing at Carnegie Hall next year.

Gudrun Mills would like to hear from her Greenbelt friends. Cards may be sent to her temporary address: Sunrise, Room 110, 41 West McKinsey Road, Severna Park, MD 21146; phone, 410-421-5608.

Best wishes to Rick Ransom as he recovers at home from surgery.

To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Spring Concert Held May 1 at UM Chapel

On Sunday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. a spring concert will be performed at the University of Maryland Chapel for the United Campus Ministry. It will feature the Maryland Palestrina Choir (founded by Greenbelter Janet Hagelgans), Femmes de Chanson, Mannermusik and soprano Caitlin Gompf with pianist David Ballena.

Musical selections by the student-led vocal chamber ensembles will include works by Monteverdi, Byrd, Palestrina, Grief, Walker, Arlen and Lennon. A reception will follow in the chapel lobby. A free will offering will be taken for S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat).



Easter Sunrise Service Planned

An ecumenical Easter sunrise service will be held on Sunday, April 24 at 7 a.m. at Buddy Attick Park. The rain location will be the Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Road. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

American Legion Post Honors Its Deceased


On Sunday, May 1 at 5 p.m. Greenbelt’s American Legion Post #136 will hold its annual Post Everlasting ceremony to honor deceased members.

The ceremony will symbolically transfer the Post members who have died in the past year to a post of the highest stature to honor the memory of those who offered their lives in service to their country.

The community is invited to attend the ceremony.

ST. HUGH OF GRENABLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Route One and Powder Mill Road, Beltsville
301-937-4292 • www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org

Good Friday Service at 7:30 pm, Stations of the Cross at noon.

Sunrise Service, St. John’s Cemetery, 6 am

8 am Eucharist for Adults.

10 am Family Eucharist, nursery care available.

Light Brunch following all Easter services.

Egg Hunt for younger children after the 10 am service.

St. George’s Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome!



Services

- Sundays
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)
10 a.m. main service
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
- Wednesdays
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org



O Ye Rich Ones On Earth!

The poor in your midst are My trust; guard ye My trust, and be not intent only on your own ease.

(Baha’u’llah)

Greenbelt Bahá’í Community
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us

You are cordially invited to attend Holy Week Services at

Holy Cross Lutheran Church - Greenbelt

6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111



Good Friday – April 22nd
Services at 12:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 24th
9:30 a.m. Festive Service of Holy Communion
(Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt follow service)



Hope Fellowship

... living life together

Meeting at Greenbelt Community Center, 2nd Floor

Please come this Sunday
WORSHIP AT 11:00

Pastor Nigel C. Black, MDiv. (410) 627-8381

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



April 24, 10 a.m.

“Arise, Hope!” Easter Service with Flower Communion by Rev. Diane Teichert and Interim Director of Religious Exploration, the Choir and the Chalice Dancers.

Bring flowers from garden or roadside.

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltucc.org
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."



Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10:00am



Join us to sing-along The Palms on Sunday, April 17 at 10 a.m.



Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

“Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service”

BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

301-474-7573
6301 Greenbelt Road
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
berwynpresbyterian.net



Sunday School	: 9:30 am
Worship	: 11:00 am
Child Care Available	
Office Hours	: M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

“A hospitable, multicultural community of faith”



Congregation Mishkan Torah

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM. Educational programs for children K–12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children. Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development. Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.

Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation

Free Legal Help Offered for Seniors

Friday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is Senior Law Day. The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program has partnered with the Prince George’s County Area Agency on Aging and the Prince George’s County Bar Association to provide free legal assistance in the preparation of living wills, advanced directives and powers of attorney documents. Lawyers will volunteer time to meet with seniors 60+ to prepare documents and answer questions.

Appointments will be required. Call Stephanie Shoul at 301-474-8000, ext. 3002 to schedule an appointment. All services will be provided at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road in Room 202.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for April 25-29:

Monday – Grape juice, oven-roasted chicken breast with pineapple chutney, cornbread dressing, green beans, field-green salad, cherry pie and vanilla ice cream (premium meal).

Tuesday – Chicken noodle soup, beef stew, diced summer squash, wild rice, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday – Cranapple juice, turkey divan, green peas, mashed potatoes, fresh banana.

Thursday – Vegetable soup, barbecued pork on a bun, creamy cole slaw, penne pasta with vegetable sauce, brownie.

Friday – Cranberry juice, barbecued chicken, red beans and rice, chopped collards, sliced peaches and pears.

Youth Music Series Begins on April 30

On Saturday afternoon, April 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. music students from Robert Goddard Middle School will perform in Roosevelt Center in a free outdoor concert as part of the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series for this spring. This is the third year the Robert Goddard Jazz Band and Robert Goddard Electric Strings have played for the public in this program produced by the New Deal Café.

The Robert Goddard Jazz Band is a traditional big band consisting of a horn and rhythm section. The band studies jazz style, performance practices and improvisation through the performance of standard jazz tunes. The Electric Strings Ensemble melds classical and contemporary music and combines standard instruments with electronic processing and amplification to create a unique sound. Students must audition to play with these music groups.

This series of concerts is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) and is supported this spring by a grant from the Prince George’s Arts Council and by the City of Greenbelt.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 26, 2011 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS
Presentations
-Public Works Week Proclamation
-Healthier Maryland Day
-People in Parks
Public Hearing on the FY 2012 Budget
Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
Minutes of Council Meetings
Administrative Reports
Council Reports
Committee Reports
-Advisory Committee on Trees, Report #2011-1 (Baltimore Washington Partnership for Forest Stewardship)
LEGISLATION
-A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Annual Landscape and Mowing Services from Inside Out Services of Silver Spring, Maryland, at a Cost of \$34,260
-2nd Reading, Adoption
-A Resolution to Negotiate Purchase of Fleet Management Software from by Arsenault Associates of Burlington, New Jersey, at a Cost not to Exceed \$17,000
-2nd Reading, Adoption
-A Resolution to Negotiate Purchase of Banking Services from The Columbia Bank of Columbia, Maryland
-2nd Reading, Adoption
OTHER BUSINESS
-Park Crescent Signage
-Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Proposal
-Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program
-Other Reports
-Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT)
Board of Trustees Ballot
-Appointments to Advisory Groups
MEETINGS
NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER
550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)
Congratulations to Petey and Starr on their adoptions! Much happiness to them in their new homes.
COME OUT AND VISIT:



Kiefer is a distinguished gentleman that was unfortunately surrendered to the shelter by his owner. He enjoys a relaxed atmosphere.



Elliot is a super friendly young Siamese cat that would make a great addition to your home.

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm, Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment INFO: 301.474.6124
Donations welcome any time!

Make sure to visit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook.



CITY OF GREENBELT JOB OPENING
INSPECTOR I (Community Development) – Salary: \$39,291 with excellent benefits Position is assigned to the Department of Planning and Community Development and is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the city’s housing and property maintenance code, construction code, sediment control regulations and other related codes/regulations. Minimum requirements: AA Degree in engineering, architecture, public administration, planning, housing, or related field; experience in building, housing or civil construction inspection; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Valid Maryland driver’s license required. Ability to obtain International Code Council (ICC) certification and state sediment control inspection certification within one year. The City provides a generous fringe benefit package including medical, dental, life and retirement plans. To view the job class specification, summary of benefits and to apply, log onto www.greenbeltmd.gov/Human_Resources. A City of Greenbelt application is required. EOE ADA

MEETINGS FOR APRIL 25-29

Tuesday, April 26 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2012 BUDGET**, at the Municipal Building on 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, at the Municipal Building on 25 Crescent Road

Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY** (Green ACES) at the Community Center.

Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING**, at Municipal Center in New Carrollton

Thursday, April 28, **WORK SESSION: FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING/BUS SERVICE CHANGES**, at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Board
For information call 301-474-8000.

CITY OF GREENBELT, DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION
Recreation Business Office: 301.397.2200

EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 23rd
10:00am SHARP!
Buddy Attick Park
555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
For Ages 18 months to 6th Grade

Bring your basket and help Mr. Bunny find the eggs he and his helpers have hidden.
For more information, please call the Recreation Business Office at 301.397.2200.



Please call the Weather Hotline, 301-474-0646, the morning of the hunt for updated event status.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING
SATURDAY, APRIL 30~9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Public Works Yard-555 Crescent Road

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end,
New! Expanded Polystyrene (block “Styrofoam” #6).

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS. PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE.

For further information, contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 240-542-2153.

ALSO...

SHRED IT DAY
Same date and time. Roosevelt Center Parking Lot.
Sponsored by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union.

DONATION DROP-OFF
American Rescue Workers
Saturday, April 23, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
Parking lot between City Office and Community Center
Info: 301-474-8308

BUDGET continued from page 1

contribution to an agency fund toward purchase of new fire and rescue equipment. For FY12 the proposed city budget allocates a \$60,000 payment to this fund. This equals last year’s allocation but is lower than the \$88,000 allocated in Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010. The manager’s proposed budget contemplates grants of \$10,000 each to the Berwyn Heights and West Lanham Hills Fire Departments, because both companies cover fire service calls in parts of Greenbelt.

New Generators

In addition, the GVFD&RS requests city assistance and support for a proposed upgrade for the 50-year-old emergency generator serving the firehouse. Specifically, Stair asked council for their assistance in partnering with Prince George’s County for a new, larger generator of 50 kilowatts to serve most of the fire house. It could thus serve as an emergency shelter in future weather or other disaster emergencies affecting Greenbelt. The city manager is currently discussing parameters with county representatives.

For Grants & Contributions the manager’s proposed FY12 budget includes one grant of \$1,000 to Washington Ear and a contribution of \$1,000 to the College Park Meals on Wheels program. Both amounts are lower than those in prior years.

The Washington Ear provides reading services for several visually impaired city residents; College Park Meals on Wheels began serving Greenbelt residents in 2007.

Also in the Miscellaneous section of the budget document is the account for the operation of the Greenbelt Museum, budgeted at \$92,800 for FY12, only \$600 more than that for the prior year. Most funds are for salaries and employee benefits and about \$7,000 for operating expenses (insurance, utilities and Greenbelt Homes charges).

Not itemized in the city budget document, the main operating budget for the Museum is funded by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM), a local non-profit organization. For FY12 the FOGM operating budget for the Museum will be \$52,000.

Museum Report

Museum Director Megan Searing Young and FOGM Board Secretary Chris Stark briefed council on accomplishments last year and projects planned for FY12. They also highlighted Museum activities, such as hosting a large tour group from Greenbelt’s sister city of Glendale, Wisc., an ongoing lecture series, other tour groups including foreign visitors, the second annual Museum Holiday Open House following the city’s annual tree lighting at Roosevelt Center.

Of special interest was completion of a new orientation film which premiered at the 2010 Utopia Film Festival. The film’s production was supported by a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. DVDs of the film will be available for sale this spring.

Searing Young advised council that during FY12 the Greenbelt

Museum will work with the 75th Anniversary Committee and the Recreation Department to complete planning and coordination of the celebration commemorating the city’s founding. The Museum will also finalize work on a new Greenbelt history book to be published as part of the Images of America Series by Arcadia Publishing and released during the city’s 75th anniversary.

The last two accounts in the budget’s Miscellaneous Section are the “Non-Departmental” account and “Fund Transfers.” The former includes expenditures and reserve funds occurring across any of the city’s departments but managed in this account.

During the Budget Overview and General Government Budget worksession on March 30, the city manager had noted a significant change for the FY12 Non-Departmental budget with his decision to take expenses for the city’s workers compensation or injured workers insurance out of individual departmental accounts, placing such expenses in the Non-Departmental Account. That action for FY12 reflects a near doubling of the Non-Departmental Account from \$834,200 in Fiscal Year 2011 to \$1,679,600 proposed for FY12.

The increase reflects the cumulative amount of Workers Compensation Insurance for FY12 of \$1,155,900. This amount is spread over three departments: \$703,900 for Public Safety; \$420,000 for Public Works; and \$32,000 for Recreation.

Unemployment Compensation

Other proposed FY12 expenses include \$12,000 for Unemployment Compensation (for which the city opts to be liable for any unemployment payment rather than pay State Unemployment Taxes according to a rate schedule), a miscellaneous account for funds necessary for the contract for operation of the Old Greenbelt Theatre. The manager notes the existing contract will expire at the end of June 2011 and that council will be renegotiating a new contract with the operator.

The last three items in the Non-Departmental account are reserve accounts. One is a reserve for city building maintenance for which there was no appropriation for FY11 but \$10,000 is budgeted for FY12. Another is a reserve appropriation to account for the manager’s proposed two (2) percent cost of living (COLA) pay increase for city employees, totaling \$244,000.

The last reserve account is the city’s projected cost to cover unfunded liabilities for retired employees. The manager’s proposed appropriation for FY12 is \$219,700.

The last account in the Miscellaneous category, “Fund Transfers,” includes sub-accounts to allocate funds for selected purposes. Monies are generally budgeted annually for transfer to the Building Capital Reserve Fund for city building maintenance, the Capital Projects Fund to pay for capital projects, the Debt Service Fund to pay the city’s debt re-

quirements and the Replacement Fund to plan for replacement of city equipment.

For FY12, the manager proposes to transfer (from the General Fund) \$100,000 to the Building Capital Reserve Fund; \$300,000 to the Capital Projects Fund; \$450,000 to the Debt Service Fund; and \$103,000 to the Replacement Fund. The proposed Debt Service Fund amount reflects the budget proposal for council to refinance the city’s current debt and incur additional debt for capital projects, if authorized.

The budget document explains that the city’s current outstanding debt of \$3.9 million is scheduled to be paid off in six years with annual payments of \$740,000. If the debt is extended to 15 years, annual payments would be approximately \$350,000.

The savings would allow an additional \$2 million in debt to be incurred at an annual cost of \$200,000. The new debt would address the nearly \$1million outstanding additional (over-run) cost for the just completed Public Works facility and would provide nearly \$1 million for the long-proposed renovation of the Old Greenbelt Theatre as well as other projects such as dredging Greenbelt Lake or replacing the Aquatic Center roof.

The manager advised council he would like to allocate additional funds for the reserve accounts but has opted to forestall additional projects due to pressure on the budgets.

In spite of the high importance of the reserve accounts and especially the manager’s proposal to refinance the city’s debt, further discussion of the issues were held for later in the budget review cycle. The issue of debt refinancing will be considered on the same evening as the Public Works budget worksession scheduled for Monday, May 2.

That worksession will begin at 7:30 p.m. to accommodate the new topic. As for Capital Projects, that topic is given little time during the budget review. Traditionally council schedules Capital Project worksessions during the summer months. At the request of council, McLaughlin indicated council will receive the most recent estimate for the proposed theater renovation at an upcoming meeting.

At the end of the worksession Mayor Judith Davis requested staff to provide additional information on the Animal Control budget (to be considered at the Planning & Community Development Budget worksession on April 20). She made the request following discussions of animal control issues within the Greenbriar community. She requested an analysis of council travel expenses.

Finally, some good news was provided by staff, confirming that the Greenbelt share of the State Highway User Revenues has been increased. Near the end of the Maryland General Assembly Session it was indicated that the city’s share would be increased from \$20,000 to \$145,026.

WEEKS continued from page 1

Brian Weeks. “He has had a major impact on so many students and touched so many students’ lives.”

Two other characteristics that were highlighted in almost every letter were Weeks’ ability to have his students come across the answers to problems on their own and his humorous relationship with each student.

“I know my class always looked forward to math, because we knew we were going to have a great time,” wrote former student Barbara Turnbull. “All of us had great relationships with him because everybody had a certain ongoing joke.”

One particularly touching story came from former student Marcus Coker, who received a full scholarship to play Division One Football at the University of Iowa.

“Mr. Weeks was the only person in my life who actually believed in me other than my mom,” wrote Coker. “Having a male figure in my life like him was huge in me becoming who I am today, because until him the only male figures I had in my life were drug addicts who would beat on my mother and would steal anything of value from both of us.”

“Without his influence I honestly don’t know where I would be, most likely the streets,” Coker added.

While Coker’s letter was one that stood out to Weeks, he noted that the promising young athlete’s story was a fairly common one.

Safe Haven

“Lots of kids come in with baggage, either from home or from the community,” said Weeks. “The kids have told me that this is a safe haven for them. I’ve had about a 97% percent perfect attendance records. These kids do not want to miss school.”

Acclaim for Weeks wasn’t limited to just former students; co-workers had plenty of praise for the teacher as well.

“Mr. Weeks has consistently displayed qualities of initiative, conscientiousness and professionalism,” wrote Instructional Specialist Diana L. Mitchell. “He has established a reputation as an extremely capable, efficient individual as he has “stepped up to the bat” with any task assigned to him. Mr. Weeks has been recognized as an educational leader who is committed to academic success.”

Reading the more than 30 nomination letters proved to be an emotional experience for Weeks.

“To hear my students and peers talk about me like this, it’s overwhelming,” said Weeks. “It’s great to know I’m really making a difference.”

Teaching at Greenbelt Elementary School for the past nine years, Weeks has spent the majority of his career working at several other Prince George’s county schools, as well as a seven year stint at Harrison Elementary in Washington, D.C.

“The most rewarding part of being a teacher is actually seeing students come in at a certain level and, at the end of the year, being able to measure the growth that

they achieved,” Weeks said.

Gain in MSA Scores

And that growth is staggering. According to Weeks, the majority of his students see a double digit gain in their MSA scores by the end of the year.

In addition to his influence inside the classroom, Weeks has served on several school-sponsored teams, including the School Based Instructional Management Team and Positive Behavior Incentive System Team as well as committees for drug and health, principal selection and youth development.

Weeks has also worked directly with his children outside of the classroom, having served as student government advisor, a mentor teacher, mathematics and grade level chairs and peer media coordinator.

Weeks has also donated time during summer vacation to serve children in his community, assisting with the Prince George’s County Department of Social Services’ Summer Food Service Program as well as the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission’s teen centers and youth playgrounds.

In fact, Weeks has his hand in so many activities, co-workers question where he finds the time.

“Mr. Weeks’ dedication exceeds the demand placed on any teacher and I often wonder how he keeps up with it all,” wrote Karen E. Lewis, special education teacher at Greenbelt Elementary.

“Brian mentors students across grade levels on a continuing basis during “free time” he magically creates,” wrote Barrie Beth Hansen, a Reading Recovery Teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Currently working on a doctorate in educational leadership from Bowie State University, Weeks holds a bachelor’s degree in intermediate education mathematics from Winston-Salem State University and a master’s degree in education administration from Coppin State University.

In her nomination letter, Greenbelt Elementary School Principal Kimberly Seidel noted that Weeks “is a lifelong learner and seeks to attend conferences which address areas that would benefit his instruction and impact his students.”

Complementing his Agnes Meyer Award victory, Weeks was also a semi-finalist for the Prince George’s County Public Schools 2010 Teacher of the Year Award.

According to the official 2011 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award brochure, the award was established to “recognize teachers who exemplify excellence in their profession.”

In order to qualify, nominees must meet a list of criteria, which includes being full-time teachers with at least five years of teaching experience.

Each winner will be awarded \$3,000 at a ceremonial gala hosted by The Washington Post on May 10.

But for Weeks the money is just the icing on the cake.

“I haven’t really thought about it,” said Weeks. “The recognition and the notoriety that comes with winning the award means more to me than the money.”



Possible Changes to Bylaws Will Be Greenbelt Homes Meeting Focus

by Sue Krofchik

The agenda for the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) board of directors meeting April 14 included several routine tasks and, more significantly, proposed bylaw changes and the hiring of a search firm to replace the general manager, who will retire in December. However, at the first item of business – approval of the agenda – the hiring of a search firm was deleted. No reason was given.

At the second item of business – members and visitors – member Ginny Jones said she had come to address the just deleted item. She was allowed to speak, however, and told the board she was opposed to hiring a search firm for the general manager position.

Jones said, “I want the board to consider the Town Hall meeting held January 23 as the job interview for Eldon Ralph” (current assistant general manager). “He was heard by over 350 members,” she said, “and showed his knowledge as questions were deflected to him by others like hot potatoes . . . [questions] that he so deftly answered.” No discussion followed these comments.

Bylaw Changes
Proposed bylaw changes were approved, with the proposal to omit the use of proxies sent back to committee. Members will be given details about the proposed changes prior to the May 18 annual meeting. Voting on the changes will occur during the meeting.

A change recommended to Article III, Section 1 – Member-

ship, would define the meaning of “joint membership.” It is currently described as “a husband and wife or other persons specifically authorized . . .” Discussion included “modernizing” the language and legal ramifications of deleting references to gender.

Also in Article III, Section 5 – Membership Requirement to Hold Office, the recommendation is to add the sentence, “Only one member from a unit may hold elected office at any one time.”

Two changes are recommended in Article IV. In Section 8, Nominations and Elections, in Parts “a” and “b,” the recommendation is to change the number of days nominations for elected offices and nominations by petitions must be filed prior to the annual meeting. In Part “c” the recommendation is to replace the word “plurality” with “majority” in the phrase “system of voting.”

Robert’s Rules Section 44 says, “A rule that a plurality shall elect is unlikely to be in the best interests.” This means that if there are not more candidates than positions, someone could be elected by default against the wishes of the membership. An unqualified candidate who receives a small percentage of votes cast, e.g. 20 percent, could be elected. If such a result were to occur, use of the word “majority” in the bylaw would prevent the election of such a person and would allow the board to appoint a board member (in accordance with existing GHI regulations).

In Article V, Section 4 – Powers and Duties (of the board), the

recommendation is to give the board the authority to fine members who repeatedly violate GHI rules and regulations.

If such a proposal passes, members would determine which rules and regulations would be subject to fines and the amount of the fines. Examples might include repeatedly parking in another member’s reserved parking space and not removing dog feces from GHI property.

Other Business
The annual meeting will once again feature door prizes that total \$500. Such prizes include three \$100 credits toward a co-op fee,


four \$25 gift certificates to the Co-op Supermarket and five \$20 gift certificates to the New Deal Café.

The board also approved a donation of \$500 to the Cooperative Development Foundation, which provides seniors in rural areas with affordable options for housing. The foundation also assists in recovery efforts after natural disasters such as earthquakes, as occurred in Haiti and Japan.

The board approved member requests to permit an uncovered chimney flue for one unit and a nine-lite, two-panel entry door for another.

Approval was given for two contracts with B&P Utilities, both for emergency sewer repairs, on March 24 at 61 Court Ridge for \$9,925 and on March 25 at 6A-M Research Road for \$14,850 plus 15 percent for contingencies, not to exceed \$17,078.

The first reading of the 2011 contract for concrete sidewalk and step repairs was approved, with CPE, Inc. selected as the vendor. Amount of the contract is \$26,985 plus 10 percent for contingencies, not to exceed \$29,684. These repairs will occur in 40 locations throughout GHI this spring.



ATTENTION, GHI MEMBERS!

DON'T MISS THE CANDIDATE FORUM

Council Room - Municipal Building
Tuesday, May 10 7:30 p.m.

GHI's Nominations & Elections Committee will host a Candidate Forum Tuesday, May 10, for members running for the offices of Board of Directors (5 seats) and Audit Committee (3 seats). The Forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Room of the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

You can experience the forum in different ways. Come in person. View the live cablecast on Comcast Channel 71 or Verizon Channel 21. Watch the live video-stream from the city's web site. Or see it later at your convenience—replayed on the cable stations or on demand from the city's web site.

At the forum, you'll not only hear the candidates speak but also have a chance to question them about the issues that concern you most about GHI. It's a great way to decide for whom you want to cast your votes at the Annual Meeting and election on Wednesday, May 18, and Thursday, May 19.

Mark your calendar to attend the Annual Meeting at the Greenbelt Community Center on Wednesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. Come early to avoid long check-in lines! Voting will begin after the meeting recesses and continue from 7-10 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 19 in the GHI Board Room.



COLLEGE PARK FARMERS' MARKET

5211 Paint Branch Parkway
(Wells Linson Ice Rink)

Saturdays: 7 a.m. until Noon
April 30 through November 19

Fresh Herbs, Flowers, Vegetable Plants, Cut Flowers,
Fresh Strawberries, Green Onions, Honey, Homemade
Baked Goods, Homemade Crafts and much, much more.

*Everyone is welcome and please bring a friend.
New farmers attending this year.*

For more information contact Phil Miller 301-399-5485

MURRAY continued from page 1



Kids and their teachers chill out in the wilderness of the Greenbelt woods. From left, Nicolas, Zuri, Patrick (on the ground), Christopher, Giris, Amabel, Kadia, Zoe, Khesu, Joey (again on ground) and Joshua (standing).

maniac laughing?” As students began speculating, Joey explained how birds can warn of approaching danger long before human eyes and ears can detect it. He told them how a friend, Doniga, had outmaneuvered former special ops marines in a tracking game – all because she understood what the birds were saying.

Pine Cone Tea

Once one lesson finished, a new one soon began. Picking up a pine cone from the forest carpet, Joey asked his students what they could make from it. Several of them piped out “tea.” Joey wanted to know how. As they went into descriptions involving cones and water, he asked them if they were going to boil the water. They paused, seeming to sense that wouldn’t be right. Joey confirmed their suspicions, explaining that boiling it would make turpentine – while the secret of pine cone tea lay in simmering. That got their interest but Joey wanted more. He told them they could also roast the cones and use them to catch squirrels. A student asked Joey why he would want to capture a squirrel.

Once he explained that squirrels were edible, not one pair of eyes wandered and no one went searching about for a paper wad to chuck at a classmate’s head. Joey had them and he knew it.

Story telling is Joey’s forte. “He’s funny. He tells nice stories,” said Isabel. “He’s a great story teller,” Kaczor agreed. “He’s got a really kid-friendly personality.”

When his pupils’ energy seemed to buzz high, Joey reached into his backpack of ideas, and deftly switched from a story to a learning game.

He led them into a field by the woods and handed out blindfolds. They covered their eyes and turned in circles to the right, left, then right again.

Once Joey felt they’d lost their sight bearings, he set them off trying to find each other using their non-visual senses. His pupils crept and slunk noiselessly until inevitably someone slipped up and crunched a leaf. Within seconds, with eyes still covered, a deft hearer would tag the noise-maker out of the game.

When the last student standing took off his or her blindfold, Joey asked everyone what they had heard. Several noticed bird sounds. “Before the quiet game, did you hear the birds?” he asked. They hadn’t. “Do they sound happy?” he continued. The consensus was no.

Joey told them that their game had partially calmed the birds down from their alarm at encountering the class’s initial bustling noises. Now the birds were merely upset, not frightened, Joey explained. “That’s a huge improvement,” he said.

Coyote Mentoring

In Joey’s classroom, he and Joshua, maintained the peace despite the absence of walls, rules and barking of order. There was also a conspicuous lack of the chaos that might generally have accompanied a bunch of kids wandering outdoors free from commands.

Students walked across log bridges without trying to knock their classmates off balance. Nor did they push each other or whack competitors on the head during group games. When they raised their voices, it was to announce the discovery of a turtle or to ask their ever-ready teacher a question about something that crossed their path.

Although on rare occasion, Joey deferred questions, he did not refuse them, even when his students blurted queries out in the middle of one of his vintage stories. He appeared to thrive on the buzz of curious minds.

Joey said he cultivates attitude, awareness and attention to detail to better instruct his students. “Indigenous people call that coyote mentoring,” he explained, adding that another element is giving students no boundaries to push against.

When it comes to quelling rebellion, however, one of Joey’s mightiest weapons is trying to “make it one big adventure.”

“He’s getting really good at the coyote teaching,” said Kaczor. “They think they’re having fun and goofing off but the whole time you’re throwing in lessons.” Joey credited some teachers who have taught him, namely Jon Young and Tom Brown, Jr., and through that chain, a Lipan Apache named Stalking Wolf,

whom Brown claims he was mentored by.

Mysterious Apache

Not everyone shares Joey’s faith in Brown’s mysterious Apache. Some detractors claim there was no Stalking Wolf – that Brown made him up.

Joey dismisses the hubbub. He said he has talked to Native Americans who recounted to him their personal encounters with Stalking Wolf, whom they also called “The Mexican.” That, along with how much he feels he has gained from Brown’s tutelage, is enough for him. Brown’s skills seem to be enough for numerous police departments and authorities as well who have called on him when they needed help in finding missing persons and criminals.

Although Joey respects his teachers’ tracking abilities, it’s what they’ve taught him about mentoring that tops his appreciation list. “I love passing on the old ways to the children,” he said.

When 10-year-old Giris asked to be promoted from a blue jay to a robin, Joey did not immediately grant his request. Despite being the thief of the bird world, Joey told him, the blue jay also has a lot of good qualities.

When it sees an animal slinking, in a way predators are prone to, the blue jay gets concerned, thinking, “Somebody’s sneaking,” he said, and so it calls out “snee, snee, snee,” a signal that can warn people as well of approaching danger.

Joey used this information to springboard into a tale recounting how bird calls and signals helped his friends to differentiate between intruders sneaking up on them and a hippie who was meandering harmlessly through the woods.

Another Hike

After story time, the class set off on another forest hike that continued until Joey stopped suddenly and called out, “Cam-o-flage!” They knew what that meant. Springing into action, kids went scampering behind trees, bushes and fallen logs.

By the time Joey counted to 30, they were nowhere in sight. He had taught Grasshoppers well. At distances as close as 50 feet, they had made themselves virtu-

ally invisible – that in woods that were not yet re-adorned from winter’s leaf stripping.

Joey’s personal wilderness tale began as a young boy in Greenbelt, where he often ventured out into the surrounding woods. But his passion began to blur out of focus when he hit his teen years and took up sports.

It was dormant, not dead, however resurfacing again in his twenties while he was working as a pilot at Freeway Airport in Bowie. Though the airport provided him with a room, he found himself sleeping outside under the wings of a plane in all but the most mosquito-infested weather.

Then his best friend died suddenly. Reeling, Joey reevaluated his life and what really mattered to him. Forsaking his piloting career, with its sometimes 12-hour work days, he signed up for Tom Brown, Jr.’s wilderness school – and the adventure resumed. Picking up learning with a passion, he inhaled his classes and numerous field guide books. Ever since the woods and the wild have been his world.

Botswana Trip

The next stop on his journey will be Botswana, where he will study the ways of the Bushmen, whom he has been reading about

since his high school days. Joey is particularly interested in their multigenerational culture, which he said has remained intact despite other tribes breaking apart. Although that’s top on his agenda, he will also pick up what he can from the masters of the hunt. “They’re some of the best trackers in the world,” Joey said. Kaczor agreed. He explained that Bushmen can find tracks in a few pieces of dust that have moved “on a ground that’s as hard as concrete.”

When he touches back down on U.S. soil, Joey will start teaching again on May 15 in with Ancestral Knowledge’s “Way of the Naturalist Series.” It’s a four-week Sunday class for adults who want to learn forestry management, how to survive in the woods, mentoring techniques and naturalist skills such as bird language, edible and medicinal plants and animal behavior.

He will also assist with Ancestral Knowledge’s summer camps, open to children from all school backgrounds.

From traversing the Kalahari to trekking through forests with his merry disciples, Joey has finally figured out what really matters to him: “If I’m not teaching or learning I feel like I’m wasting my time,” he said.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of April 18

American League	<u>W-L</u>	National League	<u>W-L</u>
Cardinals	1-1	Giants	2-0
Indians	1-1	Athletics	2-0
Cubs	1-2	Tigers	1-1
Yankees	0-1	Orioles	0-2

Major League Schedule April 25 through 30

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Games</u>
Monday, April 25	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Cubs
Tuesday, April 26	6 p.m.	Indians vs. Orioles
Wednesday, April 27	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Giants
Thursday, April 28	6 p.m.	Indians vs. Yankees
Friday, April 29	6 p.m.	Orioles vs. Cardinals
*Friday, April 29	7 p.m.	Cubs vs. Giants
Saturday, April 30	10 a.m.	Yankees vs. Tigers
Saturday, April 30	1 p.m.	Rain Make Ups

Most games are played at McDonald Field off Southway.

*Game played at Braden #2.

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Drug Arrest

April 14, 11:55 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

April 11, 3:13 a.m., Hillside Road at Laurel Hill Road, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on citation pending trial.

False Statement

April 14, 9:30 a.m., a non-resident man was arrested and charged with giving a false and fictitious name to a police officer during a traffic stop. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

April 9, 2:14 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court, an apartment window was reported broken.

Burglary

April 11, 12:45 p.m., 6900

block Hanover Parkway, it was reported that electronics were taken.

April 12, 10:24 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, nothing was reported taken.

April 12, 8:49 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, electronics were reported taken.

April 13, 5:25 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, it was reported that electronics were taken.

April 13, 5:59 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, electronics were reported taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Vehicle windows were reported damaged in the 6500 block Lake Park Drive and a vehicle was reported scratched in the 7800 block Mandan Road.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway (wheels taken) and in the 7400 block Frankfort Place (front Md. tag taken).

Fire Engulfs School Bus on Parkway



On Thursday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. a D.C. school bus with 28 eighth-grade students on a field trip caught fire on the Baltimore Washington Parkway near the Powder Mill Road exit. The bus was empty when firefighters from Greenbelt Engine 35 arrived. The fire originated in the engine due to a mechanical problem and was quickly extinguished using foam.



PHOTOS BY BILLY MCNEEL

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

Wear
White
At Night
so that drivers can see you

Senior Resource of the Month

Hypertension . . . Silent Killer

As people age certain health conditions become more prevalent. One of the most common is hypertension, also known as high blood pressure. Since high blood pressure can be present without noticeable symptoms, many times it is left undiagnosed and untreated, which can cause major health concerns. Hypertension can lead to heart and kidney disease, cardiovascular disease, stroke and heart attack. It is important for everyone and especially the elderly to be screened for high blood pressure and understand ways to prevent and treat this condition.

Screening for hypertension is easily accomplished by having a simple blood pressure measurement by a qualified clinician. Hypertension is any reading higher than 140/90 mm Hg.

Blood pressure is measured by two numbers, the top number being the systolic pressure, which is the pressure inside blood vessels when the heart beats or contracts. A normal systolic reading is less than 120; any number above 140 is considered to be hypertension. The second number is the diastolic number, which is the pressure in blood vessels between beats, when the heart is at rest. A normal diastolic number is less than 80; any number greater than 90 is considered hypertension.

Some factors that contribute to an increase in hypertension after age 65 include:

- A tendency to oversalt food because of decreased taste bud sensitivity
- Changes in the walls of arteries and other blood vessels
- A decrease in the efficiency of the heart in pumping blood through the body
- Increase in abdominal fat

Hypertension can be prevented or treated if it is properly diagnosed. The most effective form of prevention is a healthy change in lifestyle – incorporating a healthier diet (i.e., reducing salt and adding vitamins, fiber and minerals) and participating in an exercise routine. Doctors recommend decreasing stressful living environments, stopping smoking and limiting alcohol consumption. When hypertension is diagnosed by a physician, medication may also be prescribed for effective blood pressure control. Blood pressure should be checked during doctor visits or at least once a year. More frequent checks may be advised for those at risk of or diagnosed with hypertension.

More information about high blood pressure is available by calling the American Heart Association at 1-800-242-8721 or visiting the AHA website at <http://www.americanheart.org>.

The Senior Resource of the Month is provided by the Greenbelt Assistance In Living (GAIL) program and written by Stephanie Shoul, a GAIL intern.

Mortgage Refinance Program Extended

The Federal Housing Finance Agency has announced a year’s extension of the Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP) through June 30, 2012. In addition, two program changes mean that people unable to take advantage of the program previously may be able to do so now.

To be eligible for HARP, a homeowner must have a mortgage owned or financed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, be current on loan payments, owe between 100 and 125 percent of the current market value of the house and have the ability to handle the new payments. The two program changes are that Freddie Mac will exempt HARP loans from its recently announced price adjustments and eligibility will now be extended to existing loans purchased by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac through May 2009.

For more information on HARP and other federal mortgage assistance programs, visit MakingHomeAffordable.gov or call federally approved housing counselors at 1-888-995-4673 (HOPE).

Montpelier Festival – Herbs, Tea and Arts

Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is the annual Festival of Herbs, Tea and the Arts at Montpelier Mansion. Free events include lectures, tours of Montpelier, live music, visits with artists in their studios and a variety of art exhibits. Kids can play colonial games, do art projects, see a live animal exhibit and more. At 2 p.m. there will be a free May Day basketmaking session.

At 10:30 a.m. Prince George’s master gardeners will offer a lecture on vegetable gardening; at 12:30 p.m. Lauren Mury will give a lecture on the history of silhouette making. At noon and at 1:30 the Ti Kim Kung Fu School will give a Chinese Lion Dance performance. There will be a free tea tasting at 1 and 3 p.m. with Kurk Kumagai of Capitol Teas. Music also includes performances at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. by the St. Nicholas Children’s Prayer Choir singing in Swahili and Yoruba.

A variety of vendors on the Mansion grounds will have food and other items for sale.

The Montpelier Mansion is located at 9650 Muirkirk Road (Muirkirk Road at Route 197).

For more information call 301-953-1376, TTY 301-699-2544 or visit the website at www.pgparcs.com.

Beltsville Garden Club to Meet

The next meeting of the Beltsville Garden Club will be on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evan Trail in Beltsville.

The speaker will be Kimberley M. Knox, community outreach manager for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) and a member of the Club. Her topic will be “Water Conservation and Gardens.” She is the editor of “Landscaping for Water Conservation: Xeriscape!” Knox is responsible for coordinating WSSC’s demonstration garden, which highlights native plants for birds and butterflies. She will also speak about seven basic principles to incorporate into a landscape and ways to ensure saving water, money and time.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Bring a plant or plant-related material for the club’s door prize table. The public is welcome to the free lecture.

For information call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

Patuxent Holds Birding Program for the Blind

The Patuxent Research Refuge will offer a “Birding for the Blind” program on Saturday, April 30 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge’s National Wildlife Visitor Center. This program is designed specifically for visually impaired people (VIPs), ages 8 through adult and their families or friends. The goal of the program is to introduce VIPs to nature and birding through hands-on activities and exploration of outdoor habitats. Participants will learn how to identify birds by sound, an activity that can be done in any outdoor setting. Auditory resources will be demonstrated and their sources will be provided. There will also be opportunities for tactile exploration of bird mounts and/or live birds.

The program is free although pre-registration is required. Call 301-497-5776 to register or for more information.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road south of Laurel. Visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov> for refuge information or directions.

Violin Concert Held At National Gallery

On Thursday, April 28 at 12:10 p.m. the National Gallery of Art presents a free concert in the East Building auditorium. Violinists Christian Tetzlaff and Antje Weithaas will play music by Bartok, Beriot and Ysaye.

Patuxent Refuge Earth Day Cleanup

On Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to noon there will be an Earth Day cleanup at Patuxent Research Refuge’s North Tract off Route 198 east of Laurel.

This event is for ages 10+. Projects may include picking up trash, cutting invasive vines and other tasks to enhance the Refuge. Bring work gloves or they will be provided. Long sleeves and pants, closed-toed shoes and insect repellent are highly recommended.

For more information about the Refuge visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov>. For questions related to the work day, call the North Tract Contact Station at 301-776-3090. No registration is necessary.

Use Water Wisely

To minimize garden water use, mulch with cocoa shells, bark or other natural materials to reduce evaporation. This also helps keep weeds down. When one needs to sprinkle the crop, consider using grey water or installing a rain-collection system; simply placing a barrel under a downspout could suffice.

– Sierra Club

Smell Gas?

(Sulfur or rotten eggs)

Call Washington Gas Light

800-752-7520 or 911

There is an urgent need!

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Saturday, April 23, 7 a.m. to noon,
Prince George’s Chapter House, 6206 Belcrest Road,
Hyattsville
Wednesday, April 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
University of Maryland Hillel Center, 7612 Mowatt Lane,
College Park
Friday, April 29, 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.,
Greenbelt Recreation Department,
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Greenbelt
Wednesday, May 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
Prince George’s Chapter House, 6206 Belcrest Road,
Hyattsville
Thursday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School, 1010 Larch Avenue,
Takoma Park
Thursday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,
Washington Bible College, Miles Hall,
6511 Princess Garden Parkway,
Lanham


Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE

Prince George's County's **TheBus**
Seniors and Customers with Disabilities **RIDE FREE**

Greenspring HOA Meeting Notice

At the Special Meeting that was held on **April 16, 2011** of the Greenspring II HOA, a quorum of homeowners was not obtained. Therefore, the meeting will be re-convened on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the offices of Majerle Management, 7347-D Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Those members present at this re-convened meeting in person or by proxy will constitute a quorum and that a majority of those members present (in person or by proxy), may take any action which could have been taken at the original meeting if a quorum had been obtained.

As a reminder, the remainder of the meetings for 2011 are scheduled for September 10, 2011 and October 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.



GREENBELT

Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.

125 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MARYLAND 20770

April 2011

Dear Citizens and Business Owners of Greenbelt:

It is time again to ask for your donations to help the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. in our **Annual General Fund Drive for 2011.** We truly appreciate your generous contributions during the previous fund drives, and hope for your continued support.

You should be receiving your donation package in the mail during the month of April. You may choose to either mail your donation back to us, or bring it to the station and hand it to one of our volunteers. We are located at: 125 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt, MD. If you should misplace your donation package, you can still mail your contribution to us. Please note the mailing address for the station:

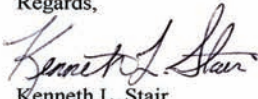
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.
125 Crescent Rd.
Greenbelt, MD 20770.

As in the past, I **strongly emphasize** that you **do not accept any solicitations over the telephone or at your door** from persons identifying themselves as members or representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Inc. **For this Annual General Fund Drive during the months of April/May, we only solicit for donations through the mail.**

May I encourage you to come and enjoy an evening of bingo (sponsored by the GVFD & RS. Inc.) held at the Elks Lodge #1778, located at 6700 Kenilworth Ave. in Riverdale, MD, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings? Doors open at 6:00 PM and we offer complimentary food and drink. All of our bingos are **SMOKE-FREE**

Again, I would like to thank you for your very important part, as well as your continued support during our **Annual General Fund Drive**.

Regards,



Kenneth L. Stair
President
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.

Council Considers Change To Landscaping Service

by Barbara Hopkins

If a resolution introduced April 11 at the Greenbelt City Council meeting is adopted after its second reading on April 26, Greenbelt will have a new landscaper. The Public Works staff submitted Requests for Proposal to 10 landscaping firms for landscaping and mowing city property when the contract with The Brickman Group expired last November. In March, the city held a mandatory site visit meeting, attended by three firms, including The Brickman Group.

Following the site visit meeting, all three firms submitted proposal ranging from \$34,260 to \$55,920. The lowest bid came from Inside Out Landscape Services of Silver Spring. Staff recommend council accept this bid because it is locally owned and operated. In addition, the firm received an “exceptional” recommendation from Bolling Air Force Base and four other recommendations staff considered well above average, as well as a savings of approximately \$15,000.

Adopted Resolutions

Introduced for second reading and adoption was a resolution to purchase the services of Wilcoxon Construction of Rockville to resurface the white coat on the main outdoor pool and to install a transition line for a fee not to exceed \$38,000. The county health department had informed the city that these repairs need to be performed before the next annual county licensing inspection prior to pool opening on May 28.

The work will be funded using \$35,000 dedicated for this project from the Capital Projects Fund, as well as additional money for the overage from that fund. Program Open Space Funds will reimburse the city 75 percent of the project’s total cost.

A second resolution adopted by council amends the city code to require any city employee at or above Salary Grade 22 in the city’s position classification plan who is not covered by a collective bargaining agreement to file an annual report of gifts received during the previous calendar year. The change would apply also to police officers with a rank of lieutenant or above. The report of gifts must be filed by April 30 each year.

Both resolutions were adopted unanimously. Councilmember Konrad Herling was not present.

New Resolutions

Also introduced for first reading was a resolution to negotiate banking services from The Columbia Bank of Columbia, Md. Staff had reviewed seven responses to the city’s Request for Proposals for financial services. They recommended using Columbia Bank, whose proposal was very competitive, there is a branch in Greenbelt East and staff considered it the most responsive candidate throughout the proposal process.

Mayor Judith Davis said representatives from the bank would attend the next meeting, along with City Treasurer Jeff Williams, to answer questions.

Staff also recommended negotiating a purchase of fleet management software called Dossier from Arsenault Associates of Burlington, N.J. for a price not to exceed \$17,000. Purchase of such software had been proposed in the Special Projects Fund in Fiscal Year 2011. Current software, 15 years old, has limited capabilities.

Staff had reviewed three other products ranging in price from \$5,000 to \$10,000 but had found them more oriented toward tracking work orders. Dossier software, on the other hand, was 100 percent focused on fleet management. According to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, the Dossier package will track fuel used, parts replaced and maintenance for each vehicle, providing an ongoing report on fleet issues.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts questioned if this purchase is critical, noting the city’s vehicles are not traveling the open road. McLaughlin said he considers it a useful tool in preparing the budget. With this information, he can recommend changes if a particular vehicle proves too costly.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan asked about the size of the fleet for which the software is designed. McLaughlin said he did not know but that it is used by both Hyattsville and Hagerstown and that both cities have reported satisfaction with the product. Greenbelt’s fleet is intermediate in size relative to those two cities, he said.

The mayor asked McLaughlin to provide more information when the resolution is introduced for second reading and adoption at council’s meeting on April 26.

ACE AWARDS continued from page 1



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Starting with those standing on the step in the back, left to right: ACE member Lauretta Baugh, PGCPs Assistant Superintendent Dr. Marilyn Moreno, Councilmember Leta Mach, County Council Chair Ingrid Turner, City Councilmember Ed Putens, Mayor Judith Davis, GMS ACE Award winner Alemnesh Allen, Councilmembers Emmett Jordan, Rodney Roberts and Silke Pope.

Standing on the floor, left to right: ACE member Don Rich, Turning Point ACE Award winner Pamela Coffield, GES ACE Award winner Elizabeth Stewart-Hancock, Magnolia ACE Award winner Robert Crowley, ERHS ACE Award winner Francine Powell, ACE Chair Jon Gardner and ACE members Janet Mirsky and Veronica Martin-Frederick.

Elementary School thanked his wife and also his principal Phillis Gillens “for being so patient with me. I try my best; it’s all I can do.” To which County Councilmember Ingrid Turner eloquently added, “Thank you for doing your best because we send you our best – our children!”

Pamela B. Coffield, a first grade teacher at Turning Point Academy thanked “the Greenbelt community, my colleagues, the first grade team, my mom and dad (who has gone to glory), my brother, who was my first student at age 3 and my husband, who fell in love with me when he was walking down the hall and saw me teaching.”

Alemnesh Allen, the Special Education Chair at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS), said simply, “I want to thank God, thank my parents. I truly do believe it takes a whole village to educate children so I thank my community at GMS.” Amy Hansen of GMS’s PTA then gave Allen a gorgeous floral bouquet.

Francine Powell, attendance secretary at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and sponsor of its varsity cheerleading squad said “I want to thank our principal Reginald McNeil, the staff, my family. I look at them [ERHS students] as a family. I have only one child but I have 2,000 stepkids, 23 daughters [cheerleaders]. Every morning I arrive at school at 6:30 to make cookies, often leave around 9:30 p.m. after a game and I love it.”

Gardner’s parting words echoed the sentiments of the packed house: “We see that Greenbelt educators are doing

wonderful things.” ACE will present its Student Awards at the city council meeting on Monday, May 9.

Gotta Go Gotta Go

Research Study for Overactive Bladder

- At least 18 years of age
- Have strong, sudden urges to urinate
- Experience frequent wetting episodes
- Compensation for time and travel

Qualified program participants receive:
Study related care and investigational study medication

Dr. Myron Murdock
7235B Hanover Parkway
Greenbelt, Md. 20770
(301) 474-1111 x 303

SLOWRUSH REVIVAL

The Slow Rush Revival in back at Greenbelt Post 136 with the Return of Skeeter BOOM BOOM Barbarie the Protocol Son. Skeeter will expand the SHOW with more Soul Music and Rhythm and Blues. Don't forget Jimi Simon doing ELVIS ,FATS AND Ray Charles and MICK Jagger. PETE AND STEVE SACCHETTI doing ROCKS Greatest, Led Zepplin and JOE WALSH and MORE Dance Music.

8 to 12 p.m.
with a donation of \$10 at the
Doors open at 7:00 p.m. door
Friday April 29
Friday June 3
Friday July 2

For information about the Band
www.slowrushband.com
No food is sold during the show.

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136
6900 Greenbelt Rd.
Greenbelt, MD 20770
www.greenbeltmdpost136.net

NCB is dedicated to providing competitive fixed and adjustable rate mortgages for residents of Greenbelt Homes. For nearly 30 years, NCB has been a premier leader in financing co-ops and condos nationwide. Whether you are purchasing your first home, refinancing an existing co-op loan or buying a single family home, make NCB your bank.

Brittney Malsbary, Loan Officer
(202) 349-7455
(866) 622-6446 x3428
bmalsbary@ncb.coop

Apply Online: www.ncb.coop/bmalsbary

NCB means National Consumer Cooperative Bank, its wholly-owned subsidiary NCB, FSB, and its affiliated non-profit corporation NCB Capital Impact. Each may provide loans or technical assistance as a separate entity within the NCB Financial Group, all of which are Equal Housing Lenders. Deposit products and services are provided by NCB, FSB, which is a member of the FDIC.

April Programs Held At Patuxent Refuge

Patuxent Research Refuge public programs are held at two sites, the National Wildlife Visitor Center and the North Tract. All programs are free, although donations to the Friends of Patuxent are appreciated. Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887; special needs can be accommodated with advance notice. For details visit the website at patuxent.fws.gov.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center, located on Powder Mill Road between the B-W Parkway and Route 197, is offering the following programs:

Fungus Among Us – Saturday, April 23 from 10:30 a.m. to noon for ages 10 and up. On mushrooms, puffballs and lichens – learn about common species on a hike through Patuxent’s fantastic fungi forests.

Spring Bird Walk – Wednesday, April 27 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. for ages 16+. Join a naturalist-guided search of spring birds on the refuge. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

Nature Tots: Baby Animals – Friday, April 29 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. for ages 3 and 4. Celebrate the animal babies born this spring with interactive games, crafts and music.

North Tract

The North Tract, located on Rt. 198 between the B-W Parkway and Rt. 32, is offering the following programs:

Weed Warriors – Friday, April 22 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for ages 13+. Help stop non-native invasive plants threatening wildlife habitat. Bring gloves and water (and hand tools if available) to help fight these alien invaders.

Butterflies: Nature’s Festival of Colors – Saturday, April 30 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. for ages 10+. Discover the role that butterflies play in the ecosystem and learn to identify several common butterflies native to Maryland on this guided 2.5 mile walk. Field guide recommended. Bring water and dress for the outdoors.

City Notes

Animal Control reports two kittens were born last week at the shelter.

Public Works street crews cleaned up illegally dumped items at Northway Field. Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 28.68 tons of refuse and 14.16 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials.

Horticulture/parks/playgrounds crews removed hazardous limbs from the large white pine tree in front of the Municipal Building.

Recreation Department park rangers report no more beaver activity was seen – they are trying to get a picture to determine if the animal is a muskrat or if there are both beavers and muskrats living in the same area.

Early American Thru
Mid-20th Century Pattern,
Elegant & Depression-Era
Glassware, China & Pottery

SHOW & SALE

Sat. April 30, 10am-5pm
Sun. May 1, 10am-3pm

Duval High School
Greenbelt/Good Luck Roads
Lanham, MD; ADM: \$4.00
(301)565-2361; (410)263-4192
Email: ybrian@verizon.net
Del-Mar-VA DG Club

Café Poetry Slam Brings Out Crowd

by Jim Link

April is the cruelest month according to T. S. Eliot but 22 readers thought otherwise as they celebrated National Poetry Month at the New Deal Café with a dazzling smorgasbord of poetic effusions on Tuesday, April 19.

Urged by Mistress of the Revels Amethyst Dwyer to “open up your soul to possibility,” the poets took their turn at the open microphone to riff on politics, love, depression and pop culture. Whether the offerings were kitschy or authentic, sentimentally self-indulgent or ferociously insightful, the packed back room cheered, laughed and hooted appreciatively. “Erotic or erratic, it was a marathon of magic,” quipped one patron.

Topics treated reverently or lashed satirically included the face of Jesus, Matthew Arnold, Jack Kerouac, the letter “C,” Donald Trump, Mae West, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Haight-Ashbury, My Summer Vacation and much else.

The next poetry fest at the Café is on Tuesday, May 17. Come feast at the poetic smorgasbord!

Greenbelt Gardens in Bloom



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

Daffodils liven up the gardens around town.

DENTAL CARE FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS SINCE 1924

TOP DENTIST

The Capital READERS' CHOICE 2 · 0 · 1 · 0 WINNER

For 3 Generations Our Passion Has Been Focused On One Family...

...Yours

The McCarl Dental Group is a family and cosmetic dental practice featuring the very latest techniques and technologies with a legacy of compassionate care and patient satisfaction. Please make an appointment to learn more about the many ways we can help improve your smile and dental health.

Please visit us online for Special Discounts
www.McCarlDental.com
www.facebook.com/mccarldental

\$45 NEW PATIENT INTRODUCTORY OFFER
Includes: Dental Exam, Cleaning and Necessary X-rays (\$295 Value)

\$200 CUSTOM IN-HOME TEETH WHITENING FOR NEW & EXISTING PATIENTS (\$450 value)

McCARL

Dental Group

Greenbelt - (301) 474-4144
28 Ridge Road

Millersville - (410) 987-8800
Shipley's Choice Medical Park

Thanks For Voting Us Best Dentists!

CLASSIFIED

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED – PT Teller/Clerk, typing and cash experience required. Computer experience preferred. Call 301-474-5900.

MERCHANDISE

FOR SALE – Stairlift fits in 2 BR block home. Asking \$1,600. Also available couch, chair, & DR table. Phone 518-322-9494. Email mwebb34@nycap.rr.com

NOTICES

ISN'T AUTISM just another mental illness/look autism's pioneers. Decades ago they determined that autism was primarily a neurological disorder and that treatment with psychiatric drugs was inappropriate. BillNorwood.wordpress.com

LEGAL: Mechanic lien – 1939 Chevy 14JB0618732, sale to be held May 2, 2011 at 10 a.m. on the premises of Contemporary Automotive, 5020 Cook Road, Beltsville, MD 20705.

REAL ESTATE – RENTAL

GREENBELT/LANHAM – Renting SFH very near NASA, 3 BR, master BR with ½ bath, total 1.5 bathrooms, kitchen, dining area, very big yard, carport, storage shed, minimum rent: \$900's/month++ (consider higher offers). 301-552-3354

GREENBELT – Large one bedroom condo, separate dining room, eat-in kitchen, washer & dryer, enclosed patio. Near NASA, bus, shopping. No smoking, no pets. All utilities included. \$1,125. 301-629-0817

SERVICES

COMPUTERS – Systems installation, troubleshooting, network, wireless computer design and upgrades, anti-virus, anti-spam, firewall. IBM, Dell, HP, Gateway. JBS, 240-601-4163, 301-474-3946.

COMPUTER BASICS – Teaching basic computer skills, troubleshooting, software/hardware installation, security, email, photo editing, Word, PowerPoint, system cleanup. Steve, 301-906-5001.

PATTI'S PETSITTING – Let your furry, feathered, finned or scaled friend stay at home when you go away! Pet-sitting by a Professional Animal Care Specialist. All types of animals! Available for mid-day walks. Insured! Very reasonable rates! Group discounts! References available. Call Patti Brothers at 301-910-0050.

HAULING & JUNK REMOVAL – Complete clean out, garages, houses, construction-debris, etc. Licensed, free estimates. Mike Smith, 301-346-0840

EXPERT PET GROOMING – By Master Groomer, 27 yrs. in business. Free pickup and delivery for your convenience. 301-731-4040

HOUSECLEANING – Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly reasonable rates, excellent references, free estimates, weekend cleaning available. Debbie, 301-459-5239

GREENSLEEVES PETSITTING – Cage free boarding for your pet. All pets welcome. Discounts for multiple pets. \$15-25/day. Call 301-440-6676.

HOUSECLEANING: Committed to outstanding work! Seeking small number of regular clients here in Greenbelt. References can confirm that I deliver results with unparalleled enthusiasm. If you are good people looking for good help, call for an interview with Jenn. 301-441-9892

GUITAR LESSONS by former university instructor teaching blues, jazz, classical, folk and rock. Beginning/advanced. All ages welcome. 301-445-7726. Silverspringguitarlessons.webs.com

SEAN'S LAWNS – Grass cutting/weedwhackin/power washing. 301-446-2414

JACKIE'S CLEANING – No job too big or small. Estimates, 301-731-0115

WELL WRITTEN – I will compose and type whatever you need. Sue, 301-474-2219

LICENSED FAMILY CHILDCARE, warm, fun learning environment, school readiness certification. Openings. 301-552-2502

MELODY'S HOUSE CLEANING – Condos, small townhomes, \$45 to 55; homes, \$60 and up. 301-805-8370

HARRIS LOCK & KEY SERVICE – Mobile emergency service. Greenbelt, 240-593-0828

COUNSELING/THERAPY – Get freedom from your emotional baggage; get the past to be the past. Relief from trauma, anger, relationship issues, depression and anxiety. I will help you, guaranteed! Vicki Allen, MSW, LCSW-C, 301-622-2237, Greenbelt.

LAW OFFICE of Mary M. Bell – Real estate settlement, wills, licensed to practice law in Maryland since 1986. 240-543-9503

YARD SALES

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE – Sat. 4/23, 8 – 11 a.m., 118 Greenhill Rd. Furniture, movies, books, CatsMeow collectibles, baby items, toys (infant & toddler), electronics, luggage, cosmetics, dog cage, household & more!

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 8 a.m. – 12 noon. Corner Ridge and Southway. Great bargains.



Drivers: Dedicated Route In Your Area!

Current Drivers Love This Account. Only 6 Spots Available! Home Every Week! Top Pay & Benefits, our drivers Just received a Pay Raise! Must have CDL-A & 1yr prior T/T driving exp. Marten. Expect the Best! 866-370-4469. www.Drive4Marten.com EEOE functioning under an AAP

RATES

CLASSIFIED: \$3.00 minimum for ten words. 15¢ for each additional word. Submit ad with payment to the News Review office by 10 p.m. Tuesday, or to the News Review drop box in the Co-op grocery store before 7 p.m. Tuesday, or mail to 15 Crescent Rd., Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

BOXED: \$8.10 column inch. Minimum 1.5 inches (\$12.15). Deadline 10 p.m. Tuesday.

NEEDED: Please include name, phone number and address with ad copy. Ads not considered accepted until published.

Continental Movers

Free boxes
Local – Long Distance
\$80 x two men
\$90 x three men
301-340-0602
202-438-1489
www.continentalmovers.net



GREENBELT SERVICE CENTER Auto Repairs & Road Service

A.S.E. Certified Technicians
Maryland State Inspections

161 CENTERWAY
GREENBELT, MD
(301) 474-8348



You know us as JOHN & TAMMY, a household name in Greenbelt for over 14 years. We are the experts at cleaning your home and giving you more time. Time for grandchildren, children's recreation and each other. Call, let a familiar and trusted name help you out.

We offer :
–Weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly service
–Spring cleaning any time of the year
–Window cleaning
–Help for special occasions
–FREE estimates

Professionals with the
Personal Touch
Phone 301-262-5151



Richard K. Gehring
Home Improvements
Remodeling & Repairs
Carpentry • Drywall • Painting
Serving Greenbelt for 25 years
MHIC# 84145
301-441-1246



COUNSELING
CENTER

Create Healthy Relationships
FEEL BETTER — ENJOY LIFE!
Ginny Hurney, LSW-C
Beltsville & Silver Spring Offices
301-595-5135
WOMEN, MEN, COUPLES & TEENS

1 Bedroom GHI Home

This single-level masonry “honeymoon cottage” is just **\$119,000**. It could be your senior or graduate housing, artist’s flat, or upgrade from apartment living

- ♦ Quiet court away from road, near Mowatt Methodist Church
- ♦ Co-op maintains plumbing, electric, foundation, roof & more
- ♦ Call Tom Jones at 301-474-6001, or see our fancy website:

www.39HRidge.com



GREENBELT HOMES FOR SALE:

106 Hedgewood Dr: 5 BR, 2.5 Bath, Custom Kitchen, Addition W/ Wood Burning Stove. New Bath, Large Backyard, Deck and Sheds Must see! \$335,000

FREE Buyer Service Program, No Obligation
Market Analysis, 1st Time Home Buyer Grant
Program With Preferred Lender,
CALL.FOR.DETAILS!

Richard Cantwell- Realtor/ Broker
301-441-1071 / 410-790-7099



Town Center Realty

Sarah & Joe Liska

301-385-0523

301-385-4587

301-262-1700

www.liskagroup.com



Liska Group
“#1 in 2010!!”



11K RIDGE ROAD~GREENBELT

3BR,1BA Brick , New Kitchen - \$165,000

9S Research RD~GREENBELT

2BR, 1BA Frame, Great Location!

16S Ridge Rd~GREENBELT

3BR,1BA Frame Beautifully Updated!

3A Plateau Place, GREENBELT

2BR 1BA Frame END, Backs to Woods!

7607 Quinn Spring Court

4BR,3.5BA SFH Spectacular view, Modern kitchen, & In-Law Suite!

9300 Rhode Island Ave, COLLEGE PARK

4BR, 2BA Beautifully styled CRAFTSMAN

Two Coop Properties Coming Soon!

Sold Properties:

10 LAKESIDE DRIVE~GREENBELT

WANTED:

Single Family Home in Old Greenbelt
Call today if you intend to Sell!!!

Greenbelt Federal Credit Union Spring Auto Sale



April 28th, 29th, and 30th

As low as 2.75% for New Cars

And as low as 3.25% for Used Cars

Call for additional information.

Purchase thru a participating dealer and get .25% less on your interest rate.

Go to abcbd buyersclub.com for list of dealers.

Apply online at www.greenbeltfcu.com

112 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770 – 301-474-5900

Interest rate is annual percentage rate. Rate subject to change without notice.
Interest rate based on credit.



GHI Notes

Thursday, April 21, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee – Board Room
7:30 p.m., Finance Committee – Board Room
Monday, April 25, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee – Board Room
Tuesday, April 26, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room
Wednesday, April 27, 7 p.m., Nominations & Elections Committee – GHI Library
Thursday, April 28, 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors – Board Room
Friday, April 29 – Offices Closed – maintenance emergency service available only (call 301-474-6011).
Wednesday, May 4, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee – Board Room
Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room
Tuesday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., GHI Candidates Forum – Council Room (2nd floor, City Municipal Building)
Reminder: Maintenance offices close each day from noon to 1 p.m. For all regular and emergency maintenance matters call 301-474-6011.
Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Board of Education To Meet April 28

The Prince George’s Board of Education will meet on Thursday, April 28 at 7:05 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may speak for three minutes by registering with the board office by 4:30 p.m. the day of the meeting. Meetings are held in the Sasscer Administration Building in Upper Marlboro.

REMENICK’S Improvements

Call us for all your home improvements

MHIC 12842
301-441-8699

JC Landscaping

Beds Trenched and Mulched, Annuals, Flowers, Perennials, Ornamental shrubs and trees installed, Small tree removal.

Shrubs and small trees trimmed and pruned. New lawn seeding or sod. Grass mowing, trimming, blowing.

Free Estimates
301-809-0528

Pleasant Touch Spa

FACIALS & MASSAGES with Gwen

See specials at www.pleasanttouch.com
Hrs: Tu, Thu, Sat 10-4, W F 2-8

Pleasant Touch Spa
Call for appointment
(301)345-1849

CEMETERY PLOTS

Greenbelt Cemetery, Ivy Lane. Lot 51, 4 separate plots. Plot allows 2 caskets or 4 cremation urns. \$5,000 for all 4 plots or \$1,450 each plot. Greenbelt resident or have a relative buried in the cemetery to purchase. Pastor Bob at 252-659-0030 or faithbuilders@ec.rr.com.

Traditional Funerals Monuments Cremation Service

Donald V. Borgwardt

Funeral Home, P.A.
Family owned and operated

Pre-Need Counseling By Appointment

4400 Powder Mill Rd. Beltsville, Md. 20705-2751
(301) 937-1707
www.borgwardtfuneralhome.com

GASCH’S Funeral Home, P.A.

Serving Families in the Greenbelt Area ...
... Since 1858

- Traditional Funerals
- Life Celebrations
- Memorial Services
- Simple Cremations
- Pet Cremations
- Caskets, Vaults, Urns
- Monuments & Markers
- Flowers

4739 Baltimore Avenue ♦ Hyattsville, MD 20781

301-927-6100
www.gaschs.com



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

Maestro’s Tail Pet Care Services

Travel Plans?
Work Long Days?

• Pet Sitting • Dog Walking • and more.

301-260-(TAIL) 8245
info@maestrostail.com

McAndrew & Zitver, PA

Over 120 years service

Civil, Criminal, & Traffic Matters, DWI & DUI, Personal Injury, Business Law & Incorporations, Estate Planning & Administration (Wills & Trusts), Family Law and GHI Closings

301-220-3111
7500 Greenway Center Dr., #1130, Greenbelt, MD

Tina Lofaro

(301) 352-3560, Ext. 204
(301) 613-8377-Cell

PNC MORTGAGE™
LEADING THE WAY

FHA • VA • Cooperative Share Mortgages • Conventional Financing

PNC is a registered service mark of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. ("PNC"). PNC Mortgage is a division of PNC Bank, National Association, a subsidiary of PNC. All loans are provided by PNC Bank, National Association and are subject to credit approval and property appraisal. Some restrictions apply. © 2009 The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. All rights reserved.

Smithwright Home Improvement Services, LLC

Highly skilled provider of TOP QUALITY services inside and outside your home.

- Carpentry
- Drywall
- Decks
- Painting
- Doors & Windows
- Roof Repairs
- Weatherizing
- Concrete work

Referrals readily available.
FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION AND ESTIMATES.
William Smith (410)707-5542 MHIC# 89597

Law Offices of David R. Cross

115 Centerway
Roosevelt Center
301-474-5705

GHI Settlements
Real Estate Settlements
Wills and Estates

Family Law
Personal Injury
Traffic/Criminal

30 Years of Legal Experience

Greenbelt Auto & Truck Repair Inc.

159 Centerway Road
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770
301-982-2582
www.greenbeltautoandtruck.com

MDE Maryland Department of the Environment

Let's Clear The Air

A.S.E.
Master Certified Technicians

A complete service facility equipped to perform all service requirements that your manufacturer recommends to comply with Preventive Maintenance service schedules & extended warranty programs! Also, routine repairs that keep your vehicles operating safely and reliably.

- Now Offering!

Auto-body, collision repairs and theft recovery damage
A.S.E. Certified Technicians,
Insurance Claims Welcome.
Free estimates, please call for appointment

Realty 1, Inc.

Our 25th Anniversary

301 982-0044
R1MD.com

Theresa Bradley 708-275-7775
Linda Ivy 301-675-0585
Denise Parker 202-538-1281

Leonard Wallace - Broker
301-675-9036

The Leader in Greenbelt Real Estate

Since 1986

Award-Winning Location - 2 Br. Townhome - walk to Roosevelt Center. Remodeled kit, & large backyard patio. www.8eSouthway.com \$99,500

SOLD

Large Corner Lot - Fenced yard with deck. Garage on patio on first floor! 3 br. large floorplan. GHI Townhome with extra storage space. Roomy!

Townhome With Addition - GHI frame 2-bedroom townhome within walking distance of R. Center. Backyard with deck. Addition in Front. \$110,000

Brick Townhome - 3BR with oak hardwood flooring. Large attic! Walking distance to Roosevelt Center. Ready for Occupancy - See it now! \$129,900

Major Renovations - 3 BR townhome with NEW carpet, appliances, counter-tops, cabinets, ceiling fans, refinished hardwood floors & more! \$119,900

Need to reach us right away?
Text 'Greenbelt' to 88000 on your cell phone and get an instant response! We can show you any listing in Greenbelt.

Scan here with your cell phone and go directly to our website! Search all of the MLS and more.

Brick Townhome on Corner Lot - Rmld. bdr. & 2 br. Modern appliances, cabinets, and more. Half-bath on first floor. Near R. Center. **UNDER CONTRACT**

Honeymoon Cottage - Rare single-level living in the heart of GHI. Enormous, fenced corner lot. Remodeled home with walk-in shower. \$114,900

Bargain! - 3 bedroom GHI townhome with hardwood floors throughout. Backyard overlooks protected woodlands. Walking distance to Center. \$125,000

Block Townhome - 2 bedrooms (11' x 17' MBR) with a fenced porch. Stair lift can remain with home desired. Just steps away from Roosevelt Center. **UNDER CONTRACT**

Spacious Block Townhome - Screened porch, two large bedrooms, and more. Close to Roosevelt Center, library & pools. **SOLD**

Reduced! \$129,900

Brick Townhome on Corner Lot - 3 Bedroom GHI home with IKEA kitchen and clay tile floor. Garage converted to bedroom/study & laundry room. Nice!

Value-Priced GHI Block Townhome - Large-floorplan 2 br. home w/ efficient in-wall heating/ac units. Upgraded kitchen, enclosed porch. \$129,900

Brick Townhome & Large Addition - 16' x 26' lot includes 2nd room with full bath on main level. Family room w/ skylights & wet bar. Large deck & shed. **SOLD**

Amazing Value - 3 Br townhome with an extra-large deck that overlooks protected woodlands. Fresh paint, new carpet, modern kit. & bath. \$119,900

Townhome With Addition - 3 br. GHI unit with laundry room addition, fenced backyard, hardwood downstairs, carpeted 2nd level, ceiling fans. \$142,500

Glen Ora - 2 br, 1 1/2 bath townhome with sliding glass doors that open onto ldeck & fenced backyard. New heating system. \$179,000 **ALSO FOR RENT!**

Woods! Enormous Yard! - 2 bedroom end unit with fenced corner lot that overlooks protected woodlands. Modern kitchen & more. \$124,900 **SOLD**

Your Greenbelt Specialists
In Roosevelt Center



Nana’s Julia Smith and Annie Howe lead pickle puppet making for “How to Grow a Pickle.”

May Artful Afternoon Celebrates Springtime

Sunday, May 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. the city’s monthly free Artful Afternoon will turn its focus to all forms of gardening and spring delights.

From 1 to 3 p.m. there will be a variety of participatory activities including making bug sculptures and pendants with Artists-in-residence Tom Baker and Karen Arrington using reclaimed hardware and found objects and making puppets with the Nana Projects for use in their 3 p.m. performance. There will be children’s farm-to-food activities with volunteers from the Greenbelt Farmers Market to cultivate kids’ interest in healthy, fresh foods.

At 3 p.m. the latest Nana Projects show, “How to Grow a Pickle,” will be on stage in the Community Center gym. With visual alchemy, Nana Project artists create magic lantern shows involving live animation with tricked-out overhead projectors, gels and shadow puppets. People are invited to bring their pickle puppet from the workshop to enter the magical garden.

Drawing

Just before the show, there will be a drawing for tickets to a performance of the winner’s choice at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Enter at the Community Center Art Gallery until 2:30 p.m.

on May 1.

The new exhibition “Aerial: Drawings by Rebecca Clark” is on display in the Art Gallery. Clark creates meticulous drawings of bees, elegant and spare, as if captured involving mid-flight. Also on display is the Greenbelt Museum “Green from the Start: A History of Gardening in Greenbelt,” with visitors encouraged to try to find the bug-a-boo.

Spring Fling

A special Museum Spring Fling is being held across the street from the library and Community Center at the museum’s historic house during Artful Afternoon with free tours for all and a children’s May basket activity.

Studio open houses and sales are held with the Community Center’s nine artists-in-residence from 1 to 4 p.m. All are invited to be inspired by the artists’ work in many styles and media and to find perfect gifts for Mother’s Day, spring weddings and graduations.

Artful Afternoon activities are open to the public, suitable for all ages and free of charge.

For more information about Artful Afternoon or City of Greenbelt art programs visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts or call 240-542-2057.

Upcoming Events at New Deal Café

The three current artists’ exhibits remain on display through May 2 – Gina Mai Denn’s “A Small Case of the Blues (and Greens and other colors too)” of her favorite ceramic pieces; children’s book author and illustrator Marian Williams’ watercolors and acrylics titled “Hometown Memories;” and photographer Gary Jimerfield’s most recent creations, titled “Examples: Selections from the Vault.” Jimerfield specializes in nature and Southwestern landscapes and has branched out into studio work with miniatures and abstracts.

On Thursday, April 21 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. Gary Brown and the Bushmasters play blues rock from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, April 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. is Jazz and Blues Café Night with pianist John Guernsey. Kiva is back with acoustic world music for the spirit of Earth Day from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, April 23 the Café’s back room is closed for a catered private wedding party. The

Café is closed Sunday, April 24 for Easter.

Next Week

On Tuesday, April 26 the Buck and Bobbie Trio plays a mix of folk, bluegrass and country tunes from 7 to 9 p.m. The monthly Cajun Music Jam is Wednesday, April 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. The Songwriter Association of Washington hosts the open microphone session on Thursday, April 28 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, April 29 features a variety of dance-able rock and roll tunes from the 1960s through the present with Cahoots and vocals by Jamie Krauk from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, April 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. features classical guitarist Bruce Krittr, followed by a rousing percussive performance by Ilyaimy from 8 to 11 p.m. The month of May starts on Sunday with acoustic guitars and vocals by Mary Amato and Brian Weber from 5 to 8 p.m.

For more information call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.

Cub Pack 202 Holds Attick Park Cleanup

On Saturday, April 9 almost 40 volunteers from Greenbelt’s Cub Scout Pack 202, aided by a variety of local residents, took part at Buddy Attick Park in the Alice Ferguson Foundation 22nd yearly Potomac Watershed Cleanup. The goal was to remove debris from the parks, fields, forest and even parking lots before it reaches the Potomac River.

On a cool, overcast day Cub Scouts sorted recyclables into blue bags and garbage into yellow bags. The Arrow of Light,

Webelos and Bear dens walked the more than one-mile path around the lake picking up bottles, cans, cigarette butts and other debris, some plucked from the edge of the lake. They were amazed to find more than 100 tennis balls in and alongside the lake.

The Tiger and Wolf dens also cleaned near the lake in addition to the playground, picnic and wooded areas behind the recycling center. The most abundant items found in the playground

and picnic areas included bottle caps, lollipop sticks, cigarette butts, plastic wrappers and balloon fragments.

In previous years Cub Scout Troop 202 has cleaned the storm water drainage area on Hanover Parkway as well as Braden pond, located behind Braden Field.

The event, which concluded at noon, was judged a success with the Cubs and residents collecting at least 11 large bags of garbage and three bags of recyclables.



Cub Pack 202 and friends after the Buddy Attick Park clean up. Participants included Sufia Syed; Tasneem Ahmed; Farah Ahmed; Will Godfrey; Doug Way; Devon and Monte Kaelberer; Zayd, Ibrahim and Yusuf Khan; Elijah Tyler; Armani Craig; and Ben, Tyler and Alexandra Clarke.

BELTWAY PLAZA MALL

A TAG & TITLE SERVICE

VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS 6134 GREENBELT RD GREENBELT, MD 20770

CONTACT US AT: 301.614.2947
WWW.MARYLANDTAGS.COM
MONDAY-FRIDAY 10AM-6PM
SATURDAY 10AM-5PM
CLOSED WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY

SE HABLA ESPAÑOL

We specialize in:	Se especializa en:
*30 day temp tags MD	*Placas de 30 dias temporales MD
*Permanent tags	*Placas permanente
*Substitute tags	*Remplazamiento de placas
*Tag return	*Placas regreso
*Registration renewal	*Renobacion de registracion
*Vehicle registration	*Registraziones de vehiculos
*Duplicate Title	*Duplicados de titulos
*Title only	*Titules solamente
*Vehicle donation	*Donacion de carros
*Vehicle registration	*Registraziones de vehiculos

WWW.MARYLANDTAGS.COM